

Tips To Clean Up On

(NAPSA)—There's no time like the present to get a headstart on a healthier and cleaner house.

To help make cleaning less of a chore, experts at the Institute of Inspection, Cleaning and Restoration Certification (IICRC) offer the following tips:



Hiring a cleaning professional? Be sure they are certified.

- Clean efficiently. Avoid going back and forth around a room. Think in terms of left to right, top to bottom. Begin with ceilings and walls, and work your way down.

- Hire cleaning service providers. For those tasks that require a specialist (e.g. carpet upholstery and hard floor cleaning), hire only certified professionals. IICRC provides a consumer referral service of trained and certified cleaning and restoration firms and technicians. Before hiring anyone, confirm he or she is trained and certified in the type of work to be performed, informally interview the company representative or technician, obtain a written estimate of the work to be completed, and receive a written contract or invoice confirming the total price and any statements or guarantees.

Developing a plan of action, and hiring certified cleaning professionals may make cleaning more of a breeze.

To locate an IICRC-certified firm or technician nearby, call (800) 835-4624 or visit www.iicrc.org.